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county commissioners of the State and the municipal authorities of the towns and cities may avail themselves of his skill, and thus speedily arrest the progress of the loathsome disease which has invaded so many of the counties of the State.

Respectfully,

A. D. CANDLER,  
Governor.

*Smallpox in Illinois.*

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., March 8, 1900.

SIR: In answer to your communication of the 6th instant, I desire to say that I gave orders over a month ago that your Bureau should be sent copies of the articles written by Drs. Hyde and Welch. I regret this seemingly has not been done.

I send you under separate cover copies of all pamphlets issued recently by this board on the subject of smallpox. Dr. Hyde's article is included among them. If you should wish additional copies of either I shall be glad to send them.

In regard to the prevalence of smallpox in this State, I beg to say that the subjoined extract from the current number of the Illinois Medical Journal is substantially correct up to February 28.

Respectfully,

J. A. EGAN, M. D.,  
Secretary.

[Inclosure.]

*Smallpox in Illinois.*

Despite the most strenuous efforts of the State board of health, outbreaks of smallpox have materially increased in extent in the State during the past month. Owing to the energy displayed in quarantine, vaccination, and disinfection, the number of cases existing in January have been greatly decreased, but new foci of infection are developing daily in municipalities hereto immune. This is thought to be due to the negligence in establishing and maintaining quarantine in localities where the diagnosis was disputed.

From the best information obtainable it is believed that over 1,000 cases have occurred during the past three months in the following counties: Alexander, Bond, Boone, Bureau, Christian, Clinton, Cook, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Fulton, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lee, Livingston, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Massac, McHenry, McLean, Morgan, Ogle, Perry, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Rock Island, Saline, Sangamon, St. Clair, Schuyler, Shelby, Union, Whiteside, Williamson, and Winnebago.

As a rule the type of the disease prevailing is the modified form of smallpox so well described by MacCombie in Allbutt's System of Medicine in 1897, and by Welch and Hyde in 1899. Many cases, however, are of the classical and recognized form of discrete and confluent smallpox. Eleven deaths have been reported, occurring in Alexander, DeWitt, Lee, Piatt, Saline, and Williamson counties, the disease in each instance being the confluent type.

*Smallpox in Kansas in February, 1900.*

TOPEKA, KANS., March 6, 1900.

SIR: In compliance with the resolutions adopted by the national conference of State and provincial boards of health at Toronto, 1886, and Washington, 1887, it becomes my duty to inform you that smallpox has been reported to this office from the following points in the State of Kansas during the month of February, 1900:

Atchison County, 3 cases; Barber County, 13 cases; Cherokee County, 31 cases, 4 deaths; Chautauqua County, 2 cases; Kingman County, 5 cases, 1 death; Labette County, 7 cases; Lawrence, 64 cases; Lyon County, 100 cases; Marshall County, 2 cases; Montgomery County, 5 cases; Nemaha County, 26 cases; Newton, 3 cases; Osage County, 8 cases; Osawatomie, 3 cases; Ottawa, 1 case; Parsons, 3 cases, 1 death; Sedgwick County, 5 cases; Shawnee County, 38 cases; Sumner County,